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SUBJECT: US-FRENCH SCIENTIFIC BILATERAL NARCOTIC PROJECTS

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1. THIS IS SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION TO REFERENCES RE PARTICIPATION OF US CUSTOMS IN US-FRENCH SCIENTIFIC BILATERAL COOPERATION PROGRAM.

2. US CUSTOMS SERVICE DESIRES TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INPUT INTO THE ANNUAL BILATERAL MEETING SET FOR EARLY DEC. OF US AND FRENCH RE R&D PROGRAMS RELATING PARTICULARLY TO THE PERFORMANCE OF CUSTOMS MISSIONS ON THE INTERDICTION OF ILLICIT DRUGS CROSSING USA BORDERS.

3. US CUSTOMS DESIRES TO COORDINATE ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSS TECHNOLOGY INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS UNDER INVESTI-
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GATION:

- A) MECHANICAL NARCOTICS DETECTION DEVICES - "SNIFFER"
- B) X-RAY APPLICATIONS TO MONITORING CARGO, MAIL, CARS, ETC.
- C) TEST KIT DEVELOPMENTS FOR NARCOTIC AND DANGEROUS DRUG DETECTION.

4. IN ADDITION CUSTOMS PROPOSES TO ELABORATE UPON R&D

CUSTOMS ORIENTED AND MODIFIED PROJECTS SUBMITTED TO OST WHICH HAVE POTENTIAL FUTURE R&D AS LISTED BELOW:

A) FUNDAMENTAL STUDY OF MEMBRANE SEPARATORS AS CONCENTRATION DEVICES FOR CHEMICAL VAPORS. E.G. DOGS CAN DETECT ODORS SUCH AS ACETIC ACID, AT LEVELS OF 1 PART IN 10 TO 11-12. THE MECHANICAL VAPOR DETECTION DEVICES OPERATE AT LEVELS OF 1 PART IN 10 TO THE 6-7 POWER. VOLATILE COMPONENTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONTRABAND MATERIALS SUCH AS DRUGS AND PLANT PRODUCTS ARE AT SUCH LOW LEVELS THAT DETECTIONS WILL THEREFORE REQUIRE SOME DEGREE OF CONCENTRATION.

B) FUNDAMENTAL DOG ODOR SPECIFICITY AND SENSITIVITY INVESTIGATION. PURPOSE IS TO DETERMINE THE DEGREE OF SENSITIVITY AND SPECIFICITY OF THE ODOR CAPABILITIES OF DOGS FOR CHEMICAL DETECTION IN THE SEARCH OF CONCEALED CONTRABAND DRUGS AND PLANT PRODUCTS. THIS WILL YIELD INFORMATION FOR FUTURE TRAINING AND MAINTENANCE OF DOGS CAPABILITIES FOR DETECTION OF CONTRABAND. SECURITY PROBLEMS WILL BE ELIMINATED AS SUITABLE SUBSTITUTES FOR CONTRABAND CAN BE DIVISED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES.

C) FUNDAMENTAL ANALYSIS OF ILLICIT CONTRABAND VAPORS FROM DRUGS AND PLANT MATERIALS. TO OBTAIN QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE ANALYTICAL DATA ON THE VOLATILES ASSOCIATED WITH ILLICIT DRUG PREPARATIONS, PLANT MATERIALS AND EDIBLES

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CONTAINED IN VARIOUS PACKAGING AS OCCURS IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

5. PLS. ADVISE FRENCH OF ABOVE INTEREST. CUSTOMS SERVICE WILL MEET WITH FRENCH DELEGATION NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS AND DEVELOP PROCEDURES IF MUTUAL INTEREST EXIST. KISSINGER

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